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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is an Amendment and Response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 15, 2009, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire August 15, 2009, and an extended period set to expire September 15, 2009. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

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